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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) Method for <u>collecting</u>isolating proteins involved in the recognition and targeted transport of a pathogenic virus circulating via the plasmodesmata in a plant, <u>the method comprising subjecting characterized in that</u> samples containing complexes of said proteins with viral particles are <u>subjected</u> to electrophoresis and Western <u>blotting</u>, <u>detecting any material which binds to Blot using</u> a capsid anti-protein monoclonal antibody, and <u>collecting the</u>-non-immunodetected blotting <u>material bands</u> are <u>collected</u>.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The method Method according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the complex is obtained from virus extracted from infected sensitive plants.
- 3. (Currently Amended) <u>The method Method according to claim 2, characterized in that wherein the virus is the Rice Yellow Mottle Virus (RYMV) and that proteins of 5, 24, 42, 49, 59, 66, 70, 77 and 210 kDa are collected.</u>
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method Method according to claim 1, wherein characterized in that the complex is obtained from purified virus and contacted with the proteins of a cell suspension of a sensitive plant.

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5. (Currently Amended) <u>The method Method according to claim 4, whereincharacterized in that the virus is the Rice Yellow Mottle Virus (RYMV), and that proteins of 24, 45, 51, 57, 63, 85 and beyond 120 kDa are collected.</u>

Claims 6-14. (Canceled)